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SUBJECT: ZAIRE'S INTEREST IN A-4M AIRCRAFT

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1. MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS SALESMAN LERIDER (WHO HAS JUST DELIVERED SECOND DC-10 TO AIR ZAIRE) SAYS GOZ DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN PURCHASING 15 A-4M AIRCRAFT PLUS THREE TRAINERS FOR A TOTAL OF 18. WITH ARMAMENT, LERIDER ESTIMATES COST TO BE BETWEEN \$45-48 MILLION.

2. ACCORDING TO LERIDER, GOZ HAS INSTRUCTED ITS DEFENSE ATTACHE, GEN FALLU, TO RAISE MATTER IN WASHINGTON. GOZ, HE SAID, PREPARED MAKE PAYMENT IN COPPER. LERIDER, IN CONFIDENCE, SAID FURTHER THAT ISRAEL WILLING PURCHASE COPPER AND PAY MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS BUT HE BELIEVES GOZ HAS NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF POTENTIAL PURCHASER AND HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE POLITICAL OBJECTIONS FROM ZAIRIAN SIDE.

3. LERIDER CONFIRMS GOZ CURRENTLY THINKING OF REDUCING MIRAGE ORDERS FROM THREE SQUADRONS (47 AIRCRAFT) TO TWO IN ORDER TO PERMIT PURCHASE OF ONE SQUADRON OF A-4M'S.

4. COMMENT: LERIDER ENJOYS EXCELLENT CONTACTS AT
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HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOZ. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF,

IN FACT, FALLU MAKES APPROACH FORECAST ABOVE.
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